

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraphs on page 2, lines 4 - 23, with the following amended paragraphs.

This object is inventively realized for a method for coating an optically readable data carrier in that a transparent adhesive film is applied to a data carrier surface that is to be protected, and subsequently a covering film is applied to the adhesive film. The use of an adhesive film in combination with an adhesive covering film has the advantage that the aforementioned centrifuging process for coating the data carrier with a lacquer is eliminated, and no flung-off residual lacquer, which must be removed in an expensive and complicated manner, results. The combination of adhesive film and cover film furthermore provides a good protection of the data-carrying surface of the data carrier. The adhesive film and the covering film can have specific optical characteristics in order to permit reading of the data found on the data carrier. The application of the films furthermore provides a particularly simple and economical solution for the coating of a data carrier.

The transparent adhesive film is preferably a layer of an adhesive without a carrier material in order not to affect the reading of the data on the data carrier. The transparent covering film is preferably a so-called PC (polycarbonate) tape, which has good optical characteristics for a reader of the data carrier.

Please add the Abstract of the Disclosure as shown below:

Abstract of Disclosure

A method for coating an optically readable data carrier is provided wherein a transparent adhesive film is applied to a data carrier surface that is to be protected, and subsequently a covering film is applied to the adhesive film. The adhesive film

and the covering film can have specific optical characteristics in order to permit reading of the data found on the data carrier. The application of the films furthermore provides a particularly simple and economical solution for the coating of a data carrier. The transparent adhesive film may be a layer of an adhesive without a carrier material in order not to affect the reading of the data on the data carrier. The transparent covering film may be a so-called PC tape, which has good optical characteristics for a reader of the data carrier.